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For: INFORMATION RECORDING MEDIUM WITH MAGNETIC MARKS, RECORDING AND REPRODUCING APPARATUS THEREFOR, AND HEAD POSITIONING METHOD USING DETECTED MAGNETIC LEAKAGE FIELDS FROM THE MAGNETIC MARKS

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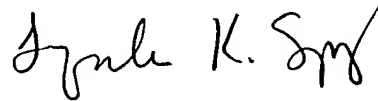
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